GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of Mahila Swasth Sangh being provided in rural areas of the country have been appreciated by the Government;

(b) if so, details in this regard ;

(c) whether the Government propose to utilize their services for implementation of the new population policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SH SHANMUGAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Mahila Swasth Sanghs are voluntary organizations representing grassroot level functionaries and prominent women from the concerned villages. These units are actively involved since 1991 in motivating and educating the community about promotion of maternal and child health and disseminating family planning education. At present 71823 MSS units are functioning in the country.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Government intends to secure the involvement of all voluntary women`s groups, especially those functioning at the grassroot level like Mahila Swasthya Sanghs for the implementation of the National Population Policy 2000.